

# Washington State Credentialing Requirements

## Nursing Assistant-Registered (Chapter 18.88A RCW, 246-841 WAC)

**Type of Credential:**

Registered

**DOH Contact:**

Customer Service Center - 360-236-4700

Credentialing Requirements	Verification Documents Obtained
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Statement about:</li><li>• physical and mental health status</li><li>• lack of impairment due to chemical dependency/substance abuse</li><li>• history of loss of license, certification or registration</li><li>• felony convictions</li><li>• loss or limitations of privileges</li><li>• disciplinary actions</li><li>• professional liability claims history</li></ul>	<p>Applicant must answer personal data questions. An appropriate explanation and required documentation must be sent with positive answers. If there is a positive answer to the professional liability claims history question, the applicant must send an explanation of the nature of the case, data and summary of care given, copies of the original complaint, and the settlement or final disposition. If pending, applicant must indicate status.</p>

No formal training required. Registered nursing assistants employed in a nursing home have four months to complete an approved training program and testing for certification.

**Additional Information/Documents Required**

- HIV/AIDS training - seven hours

**Process for Approving/Denying Applications**

Credentialing staff review the application and supporting documents to make an initial determination on eligibility. Credentialing supervisors approve applications that do not have positive answers to personal data questions, have questionable verifying documents, or are otherwise “red flag” applications. Red flag applications are forwarded to the exception application process for determination by the appropriate disciplining authority. An applicant will be formally notified of a denial and has the opportunity for a hearing.

**Renewal Requirements**

Nursing assistants - registered must renew their registrations on or before their birthday every year. There are no continuing education requirements.

